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Dear Interested Public:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Battle Mountain District, Tonopah Field Office has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) which analyzes the impacts of Valley Electric Association's proposal for engineering and construction method refinements of the Beatty to Tolicha Peak Double Circuit 24.9-kilovolt Distribution Line Project (N-88360) located in Nye County, Nevada. Proposed refinements include the addition of H-frame structures; use of a stringing helicopter and a twin-prop helicopter; addition of bird diverters to guy wires; adding TE Raysulate raptor protection; and making minor design changes to the insulators, cross arms, conductors, cable shield wire, and ground clearances.

The EA will be available for a 30-day public comment period. Written comments on this EA will be accepted at the above address until 4:30 p.m. (PST), September 18, 2013. The EA can be viewed on the BLM NEPA Register, which can be accessed through the BLM Battle Mountain District website at:

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field.html

Under Links of interest, click on the link that reads "National NEPA Register Page." To navigate to the project, scroll down and select "Nevada" from the "State(s)" list, which will populate the "Office(s)" list; then select "NV- Tonopah FO." Under "Fiscal Year(s)" select "2013" and then click on the "Search" button on the left side of the screen. This will take you to a list of projects: find and select this project (DOI-BLM-NV-B020-2013-063-EA) to display the project webpage using the link on the left.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we would be able to do so.

If you have any questions or to obtain a hard copy of this document, please contact Wendy Seley, Realty Specialist, at the above address, wseley@blm.gov, or at (775) 482-7805.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy J. Coward", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Timothy J. Coward
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